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4. Language: As mentioned before, for a time Persian was the only language in which Uzbek literature was written and in which their courts functioned. At the present time, however, the Turkic Uzbek language prevails over Iranian as the language of the common people. The Uzbek city dwellers generally still use the Iranicized version of the Uzbek language, whereas the Uzbeks who live in the country use the purer Turkic tongue.
5. Religion: The Uzbeks belong to the Sunni order of the Islamic faith. They, however, consider the mystical teachings of the Sufis important in their religious development.
6. Concentrations: The Uzbeks in Sinkiang, who are refugees from Soviet oppression, reside for the most part in the cities. More than three-quarters of them are located in the cities of Kashgar (Shufu), KuIdja (Ining) and Chuguchak (Tahsheng).
7. Occupations: Up to the sixteenth century the Uzbeks were nomads and made their living by herding cattle and sheep. After that time they settled down and went over to a settled agricultural economy. In Sinkiang, the majority are city dwellers and have become either merchants or traders.

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